

# Immigrants and Immigration Strengthen Us

**This July 4th, we, the undersigned, reaffirm the ideals on which our nation was founded and still stands.**

Immigrants and immigration strengthen these United States, as they have since our founding. How we treat immigrants, refugees and their families reflects our commitment to the values that define us as Americans.

In line with these values, we believe the family is the bedrock of society and that we ought to look out for one another. People born elsewhere who believe in the United States as a land of opportunity and hope contribute to our country in ways both quantifiable and immeasurable. They grow our economy, protect our nation, and make up the fabric of our communities.

As we celebrate our freedom with neighbors, families and friends from all over the world, we call on America's leaders once again to encourage citizenship for those who are eligible and want to pledge full allegiance to our country and to allow all of us, American by birth or American by choice, to reach our fullest potential.

America can be great only if we are good. We invite our leaders and our fellow Americans, across the country and on all sides of the debate, to engage in a constructive conversation that respects the human dignity of all of our neighbors and welcomes people of all faiths, no matter where you were born.

With this history and these values as our guide, we shall continue to work together as one nation, indivisible and strong, with liberty and justice for all.

Signed,

## Faith:

- Leith Anderson, President, National Association of Evangelicals
- Scott Arbeiter, President, World Relief
- Shirley Hoogstra, President, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities
- Hyepin Im, President and CEO, Faith and Community Empowerment
- Jo Anne Lyon, Ambassador, General Superintendent Emerita, The Wesleyan Church
- Russell Moore, President, Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission
- Samuel Rodriguez, President, National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference
- Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration

## Business:

- Steve Case, Chairman and CEO, Revolution
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- Logan Green, CEO and Co-Founder, Lyft
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- Todd Schulte, President, FWD.US
- Jake Schwartz, CEO and Co-Founder, General Assembly
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- American GI Forum of the United States
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- Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Leonard Carter Crewe III, U.S. Air Force/U.S. Air Force Reserve
- Lieutenant General (Retired) Mark Hertling, former Commander of U.S. Army Europe
- Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Margaret Stock, U.S. Army Reserve
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